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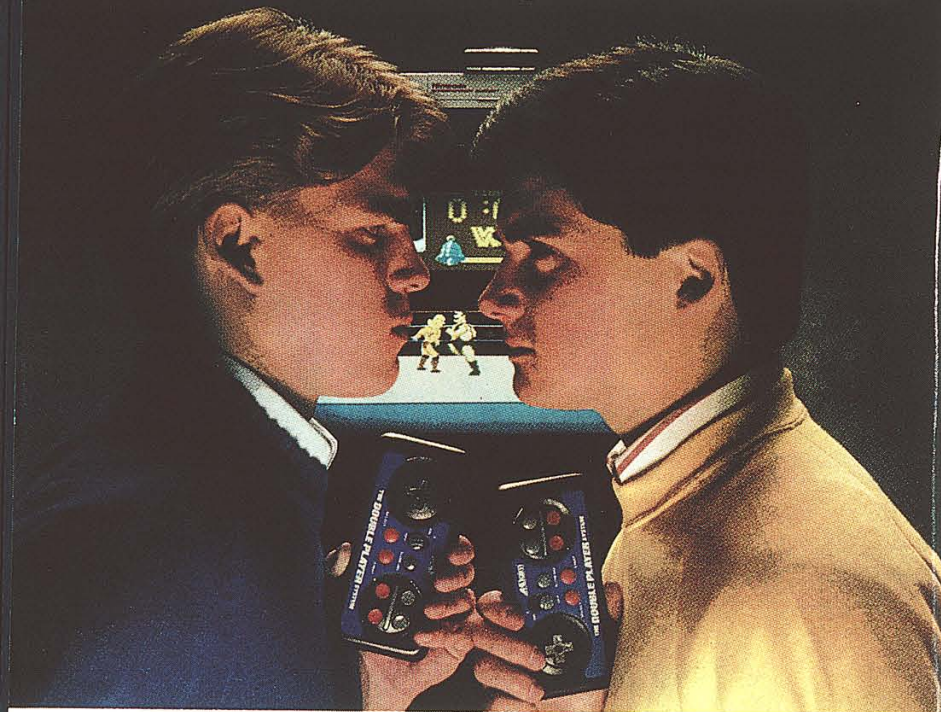
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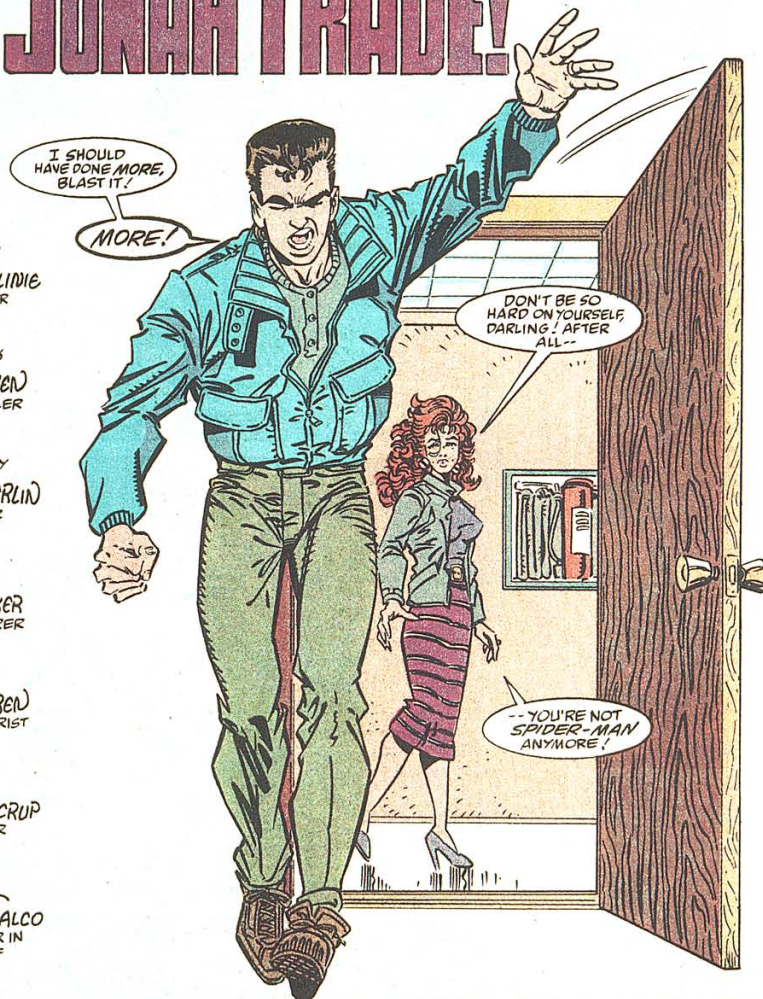
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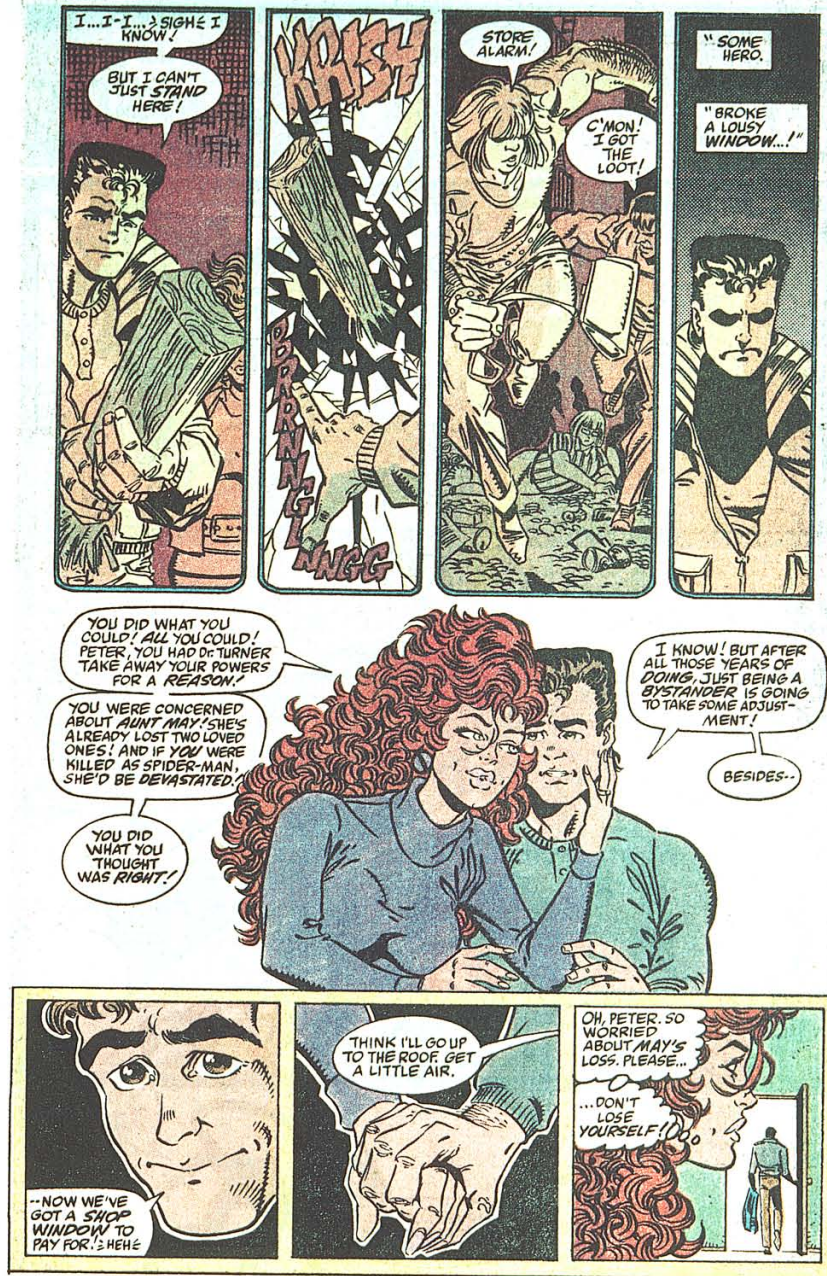
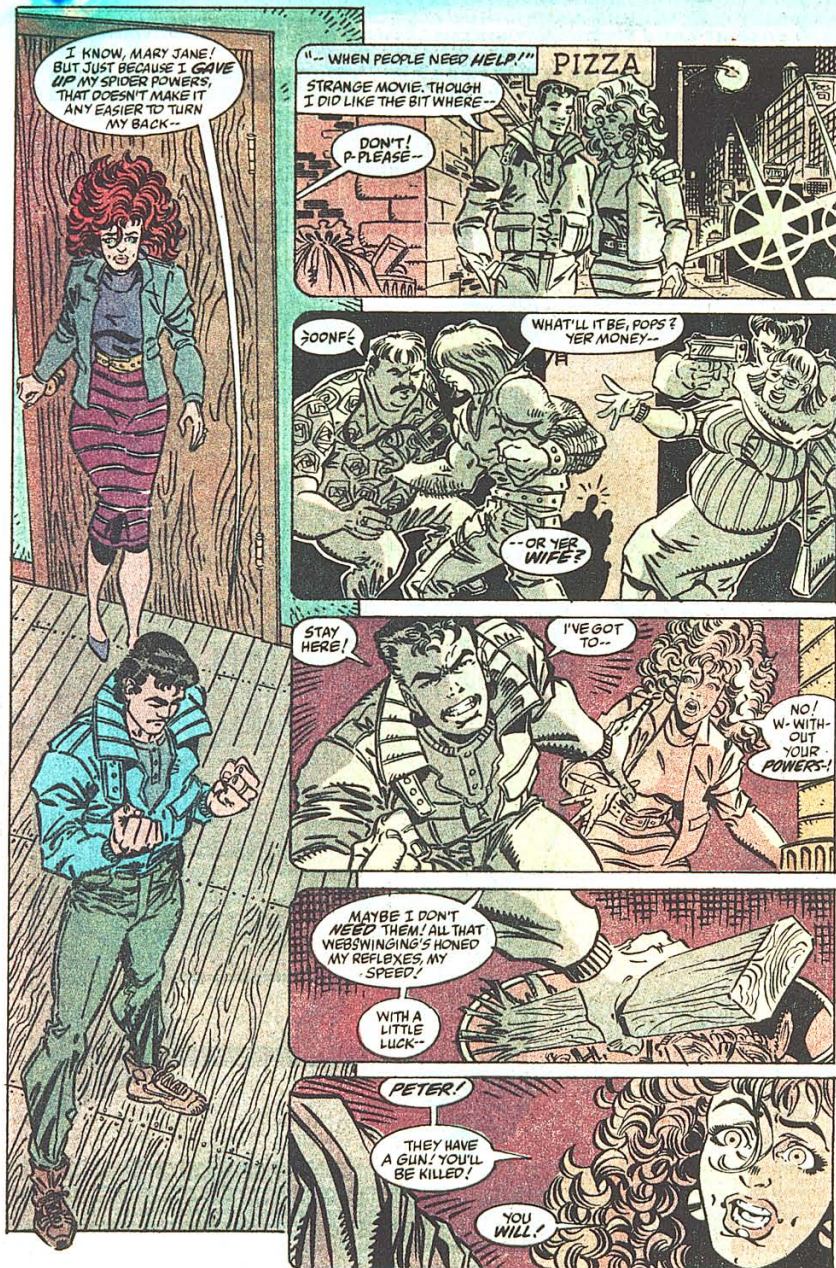
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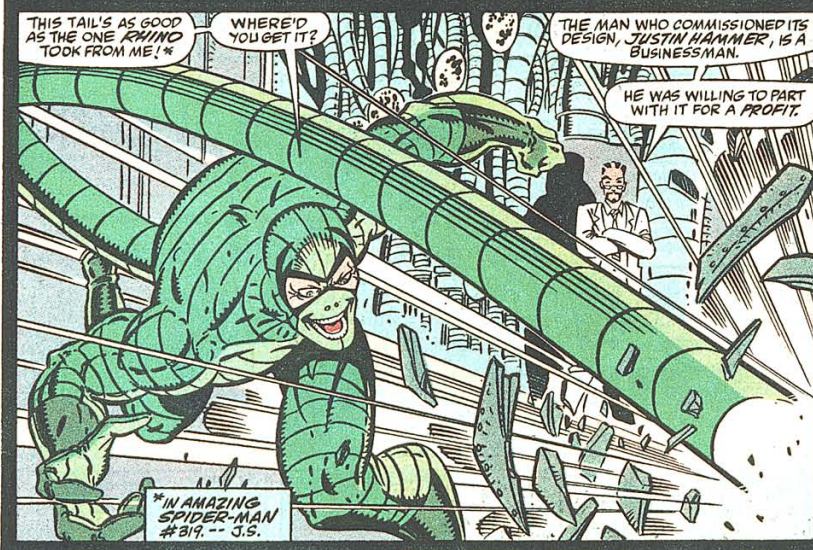
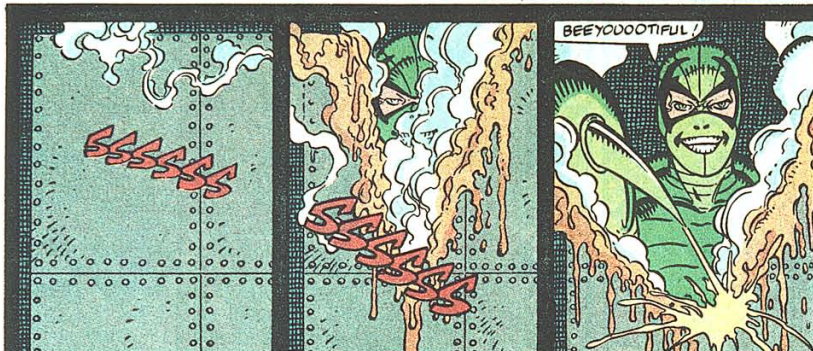
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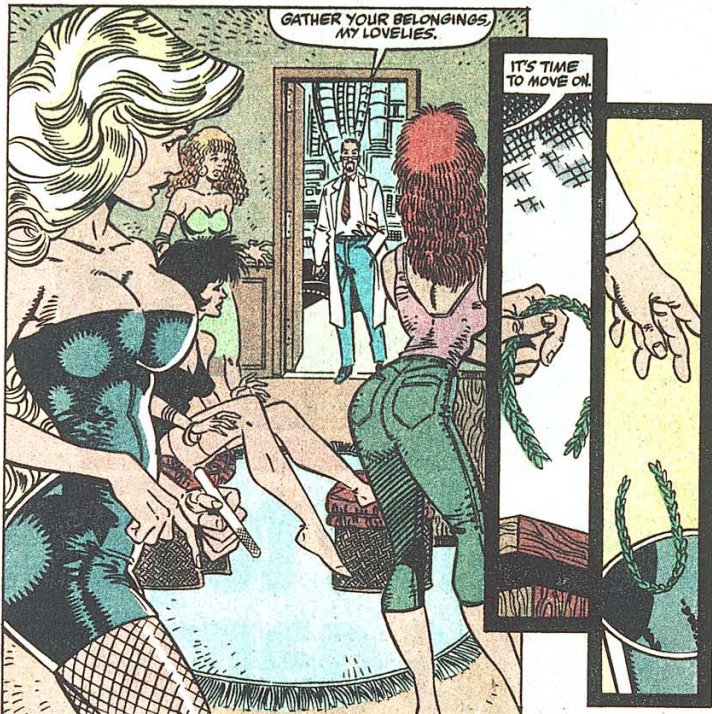
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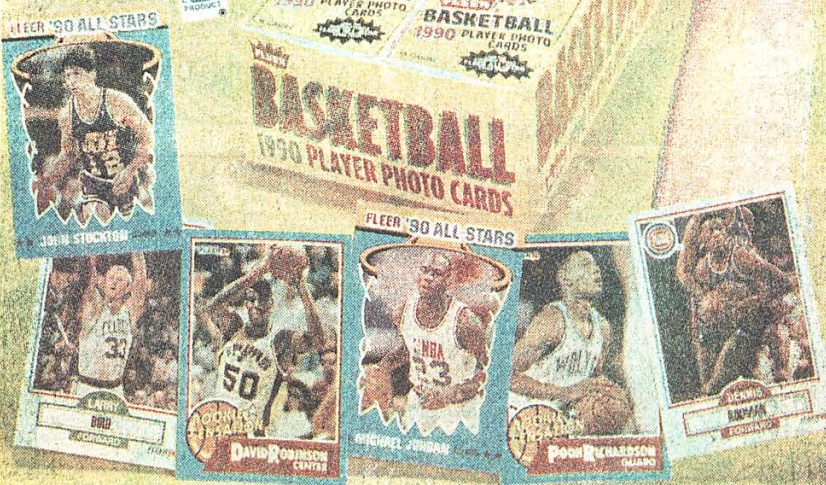
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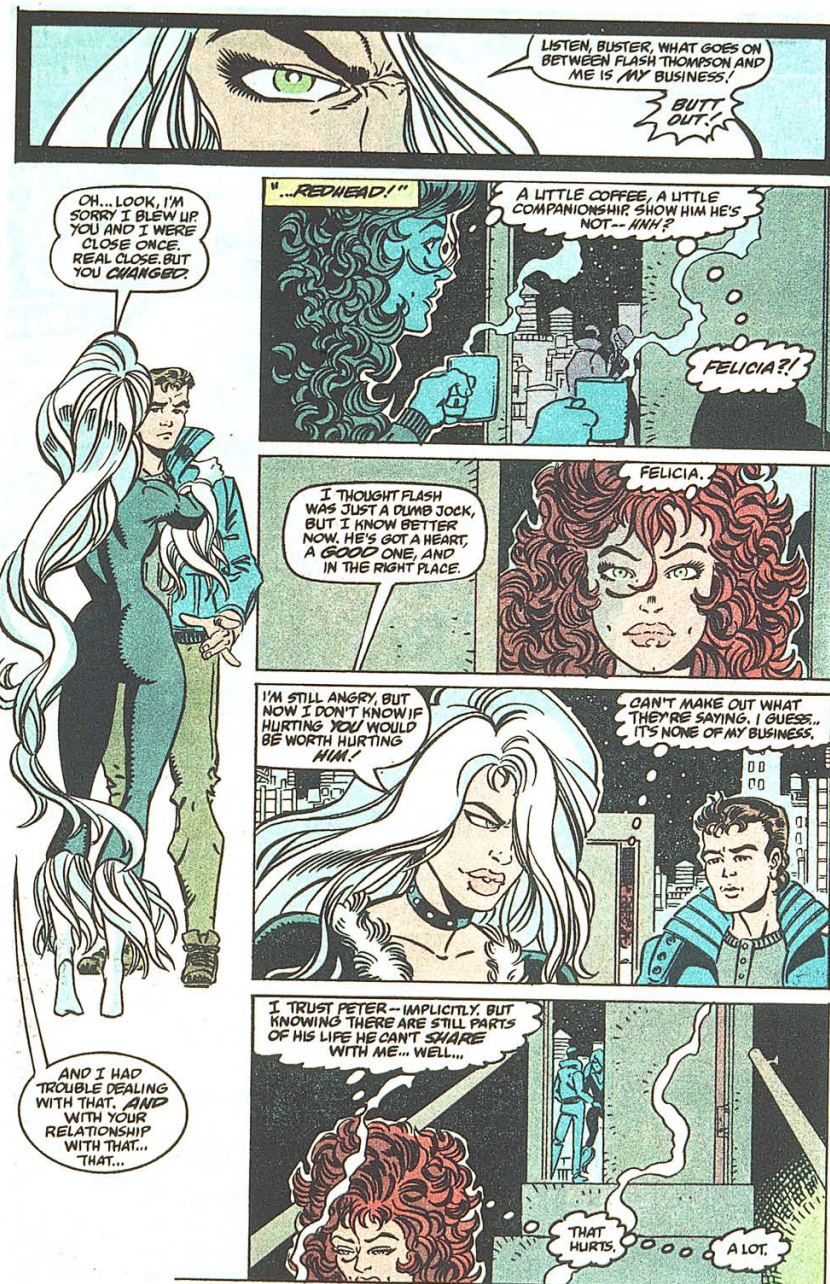
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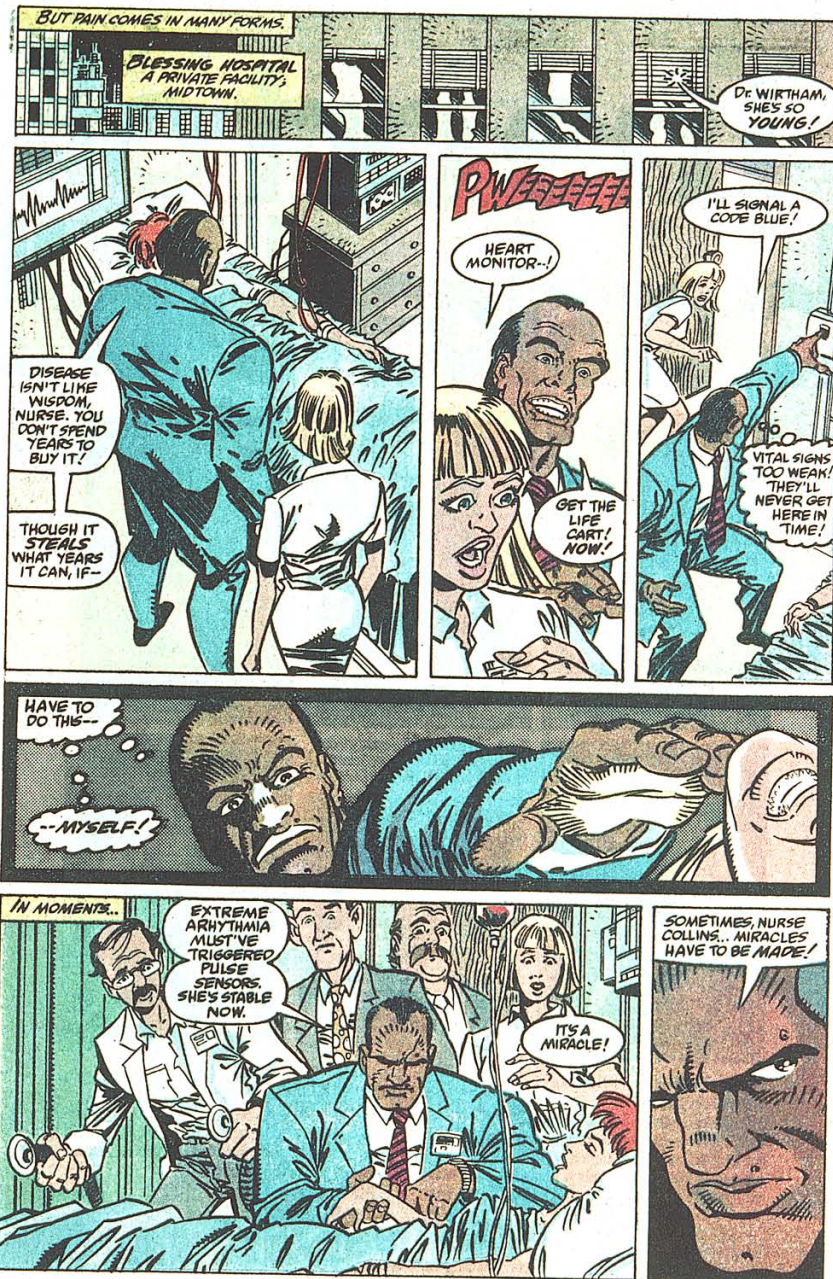
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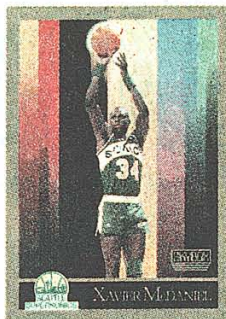
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NOW I CAN PATENT THE TECHNOLOGY, MAKE SOME BUCKS FROM-eh?

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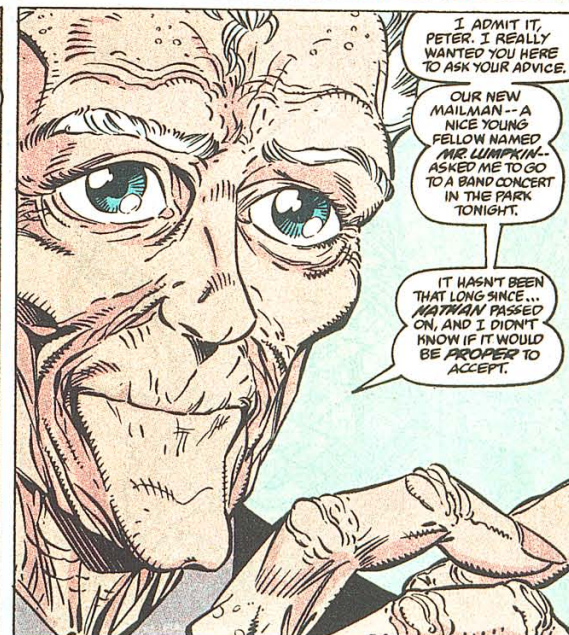
HELLO? AUNT MAY! GOSH, I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS SO LATE! I'LL BE RIGHT--



"-- THERE!"

DON'T GET ME WRONG, AUNT MAY--

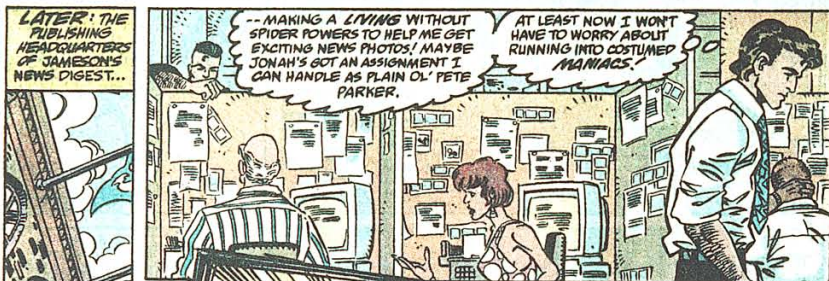
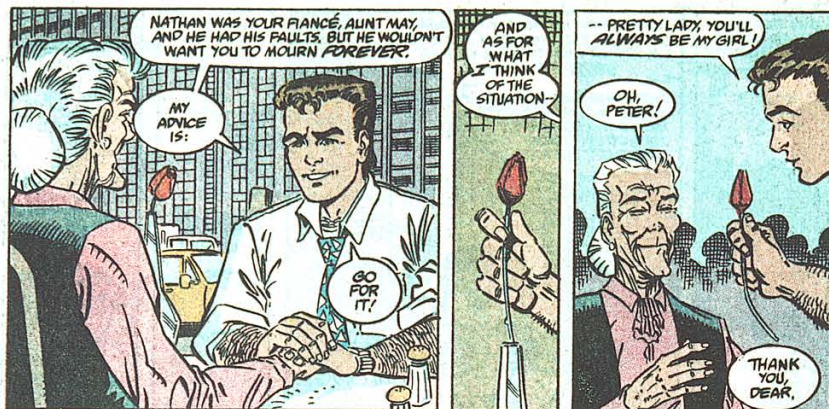
-- I'M DELIGHTED THAT YOU INVITED ME FOR LUNCH, BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING, WELL, CONSPIRATORIAL IN YOUR VOICE.



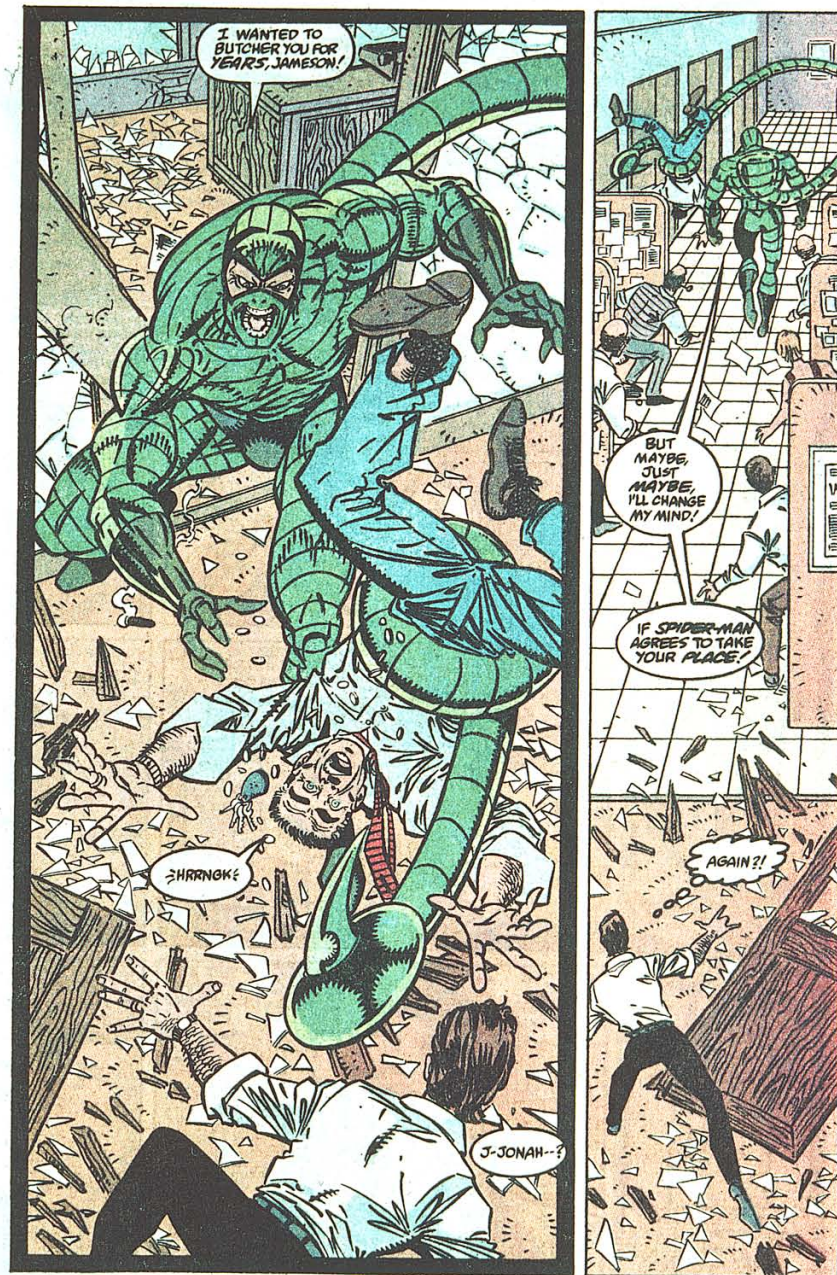
I ADMIT IT, PETER. I REALLY WANTED YOU HERE TO ASK YOUR ADVICE.

OUR NEW MAILMAN--A NICE YOUNG FELLOW NAMED MR. LUMPKIN--ASKED ME TO GO TO A BAND CONCERT IN THE PARK TONIGHT.

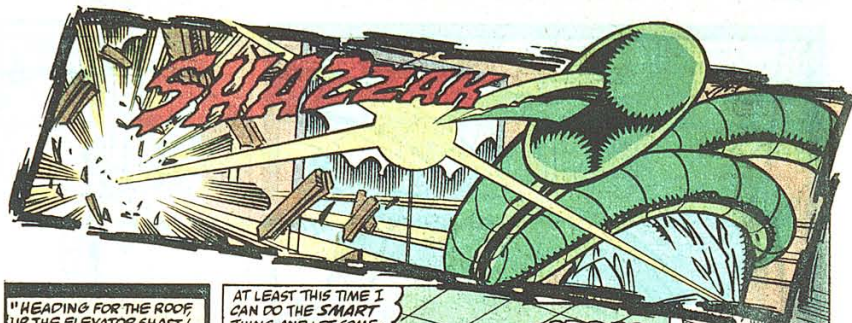
IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG SINCE... KATHYDIN PASSED ON, AND I DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WOULD BE PROPER TO ACCEPT.



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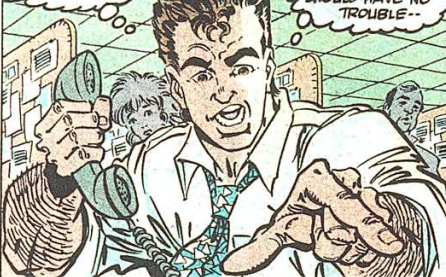


"HEADING FOR THE ROOF UP THE ELEVATOR SHAFT!"



"I DON'T GET IT! THAT'S TWICE IN TWO DAYS SOMEONE'S TAKEN A HOSTAGE TO GET TO ME!"

AT LEAST THIS TIME I CAN DO THE SMART THING AND LET SOMEONE ELSE HANDLE IT!



THE AVENGERS SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE--

3-- AWAY ON AVENGERS PRIORITY. YOUR CALL IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE NEAREST POLICE--



NUTS! MAYBE THE FANTASTIC FOUR! THEY'LL BE HAPPY TO--

3-- UNAVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. PLEASE DIAL 911 FOR--



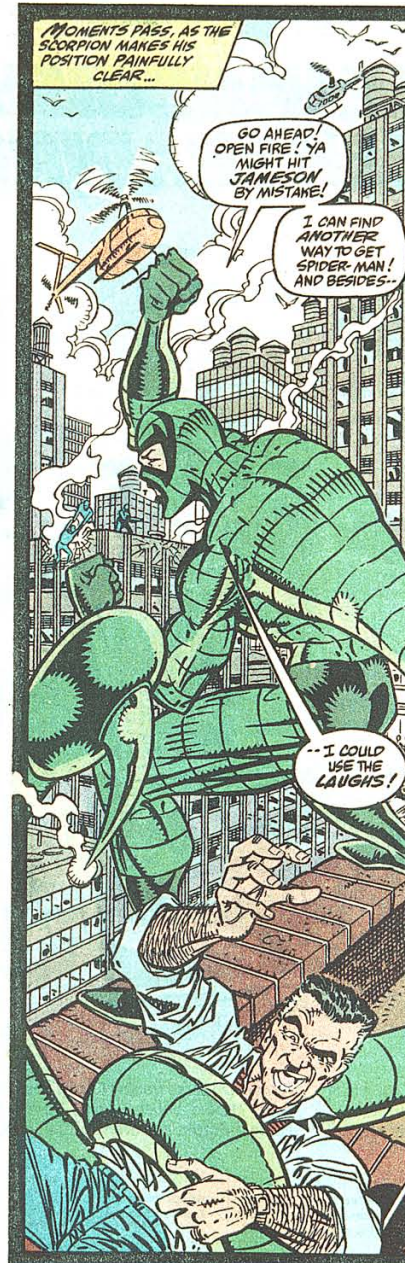
BLAST. NO CHOICE. I REALLY HATE DOING THIS--

-- BUT I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE!

HELLO, FLASH?



LIM, CAN I SPEAK TO FELICIA...?

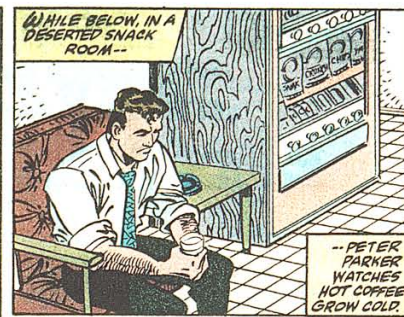


MOMENTS PASS, AS THE SCORPION MAKES HIS POSITION PAINFULLY CLEAR...

GO AHEAD! OPEN FIRE! YA MIGHT HIT JAMESON BY MISTAKE!

I CAN FIND ANOTHER WAY TO GET SPIDER-MAN! AND BESIDES--

-- I COULD USE THE LAUGHS!



WHILE BELOW, IN A DESERTED SNACK ROOM--

-- PETER PARKER WATCHES HOT COFFEE GROW COLD.



UNTIL...

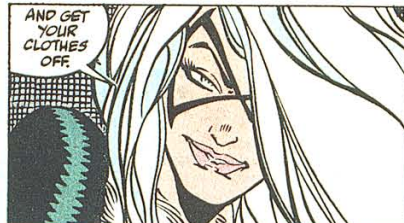
I'LL HAVE CREAM, TWO SUGARS.

-- AND A "THANK YOU" AS BIG AS DON DOLUZE AFTER THANKSGIVING DINNER!



THANKS, 'LICIA. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR PICKING UP MY COSTUME. BUT YOU... YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY. I MEAN--

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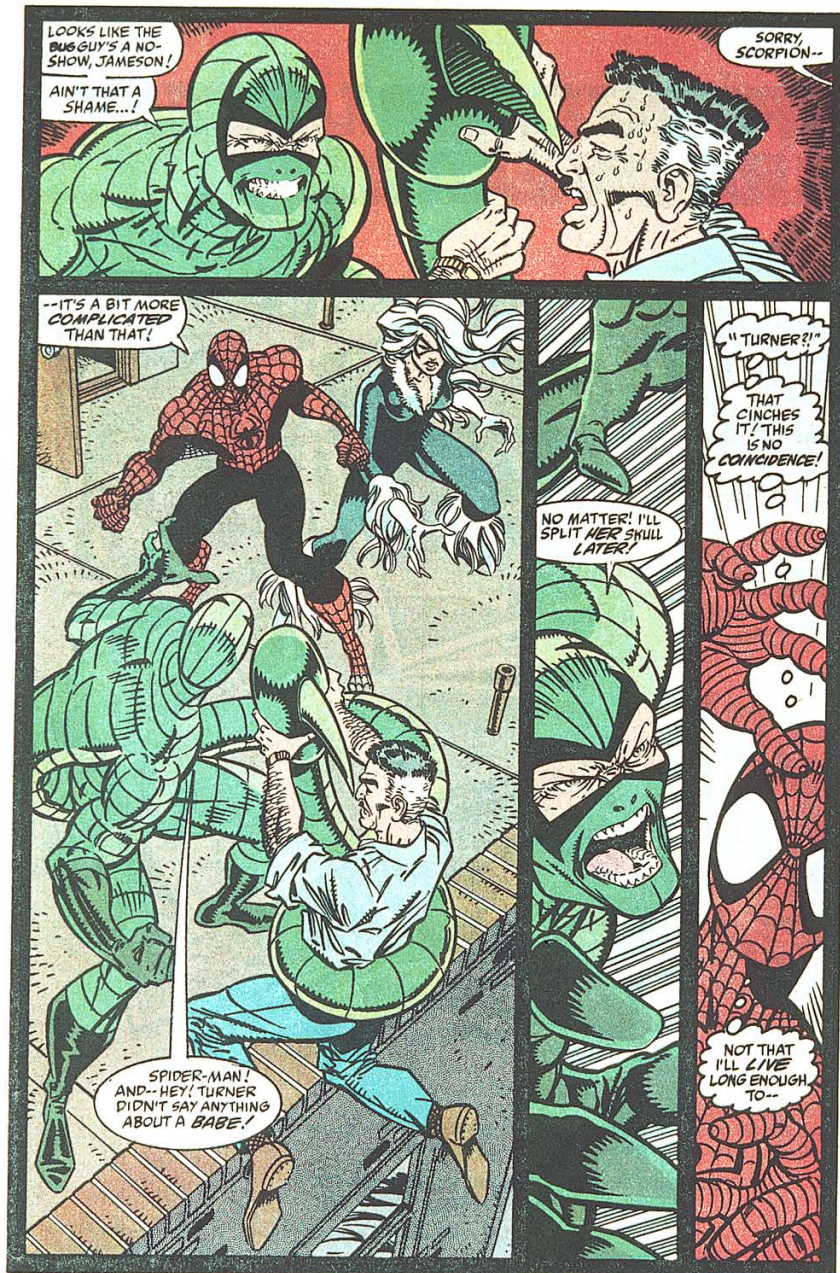
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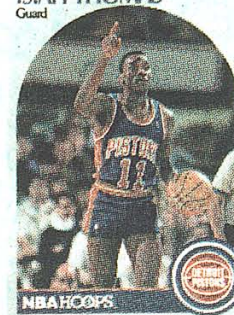
You know they can play.
What else do you know?

MICHAEL JORDAN
Guard



Set playoff record for points against which team?

ISIAH THOMAS
Guard



Led the league in assists which season?

KARL MALONE
Forward



What's his nickname?

MAGIC JOHNSON



Led what school
to an NCAA title?

LARRY BIRD
forward



Scored his most points in what season?

PATRICK ALOYSIUS EWING

College Record

YEAR	TEAM	GP	PTS	FT%	REB	PTS	PTS
1952	Georgetown	12	112	50.0	10	112	9.3
1953	Georgetown	12	112	50.0	10	112	9.3
1954	Georgetown	12	112	50.0	10	112	9.3
TOTALS		36	336		30	336	28.0

1950 NBA Record

YEAR	TEAM	GP	PTS	FT%	REB	PTS	PTS
1950	New York	58	1,014	47.9	104	1,014	17.5
1951	New York	72	1,014	47.9	104	1,014	17.5
1952	New York	72	1,014	47.9	104	1,014	17.5
1953	New York	72	1,014	47.9	104	1,014	17.5
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TOTALS		356	5,070	47.9	520	5,070	17.5

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On the greatest career in the NBA. Missed third game in season 1950-51, returning and scored 30 points in season 1951-52. Awarded MVP for most points in a season. Named to all-star team and won MVP of the year several times.

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What is Patrick Ewing's uniform number?

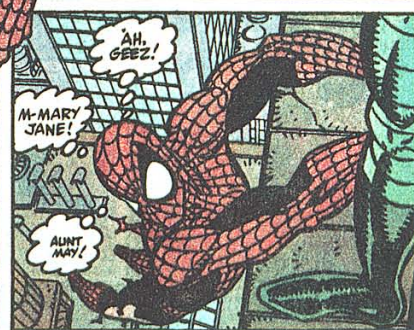
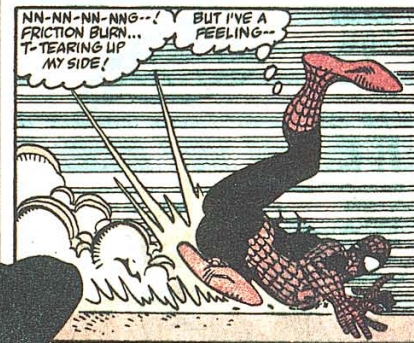
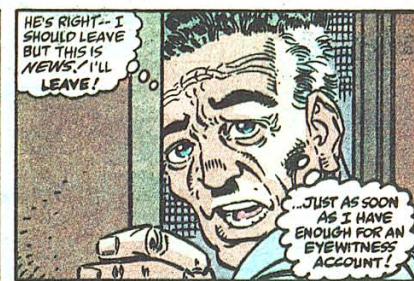
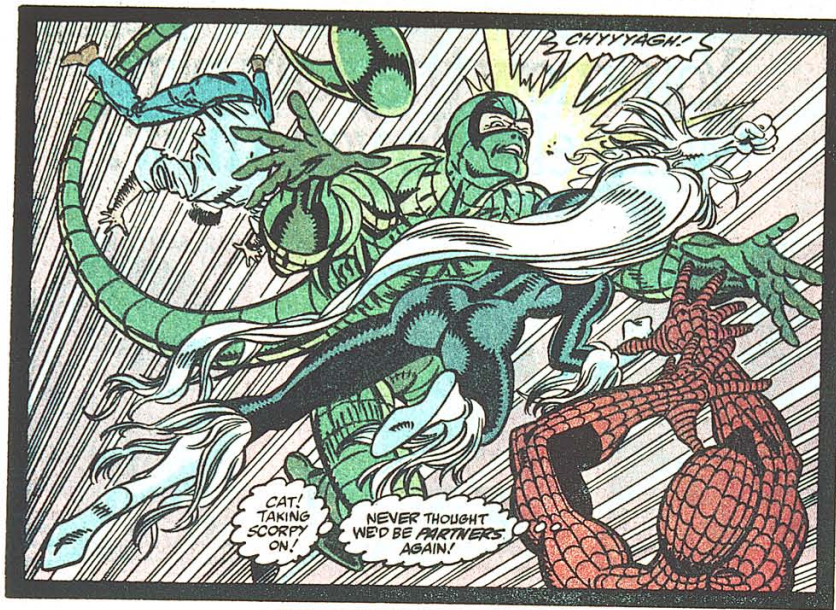
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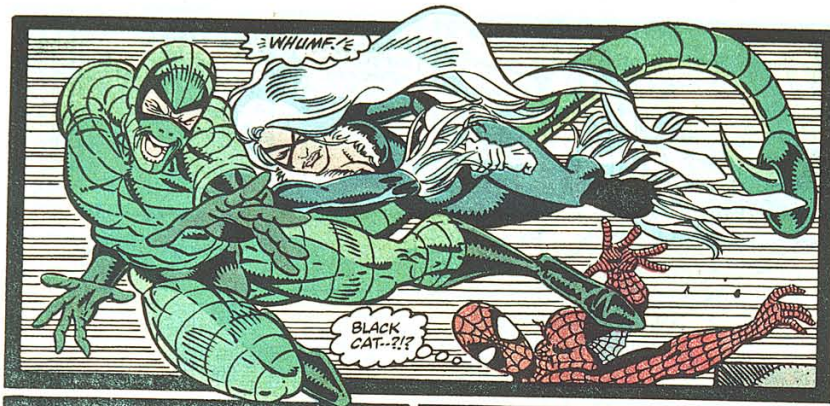
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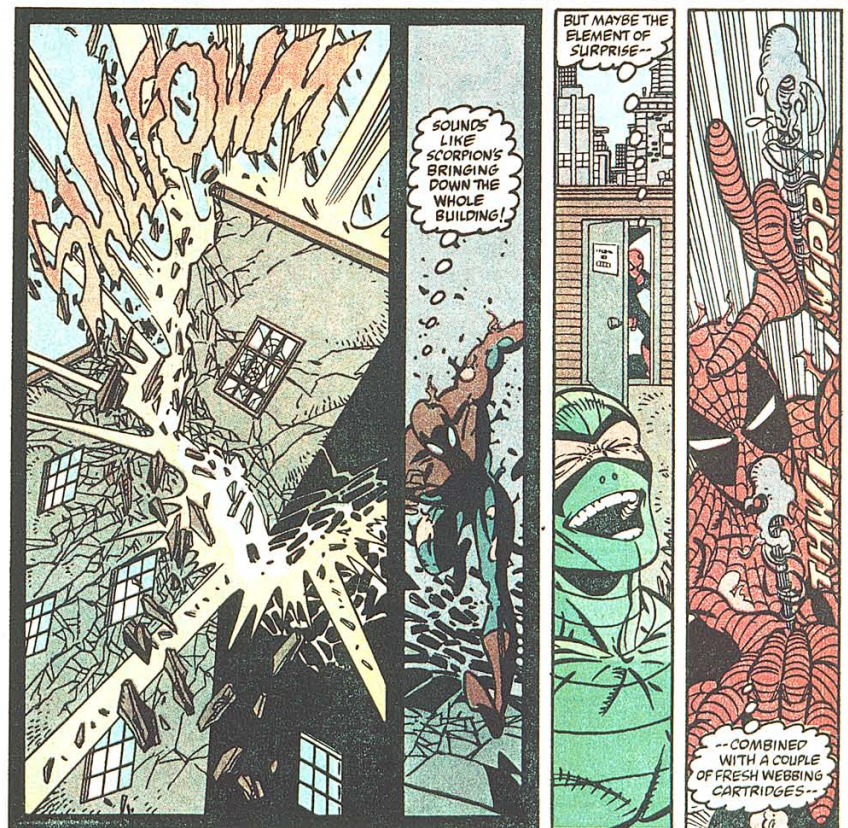
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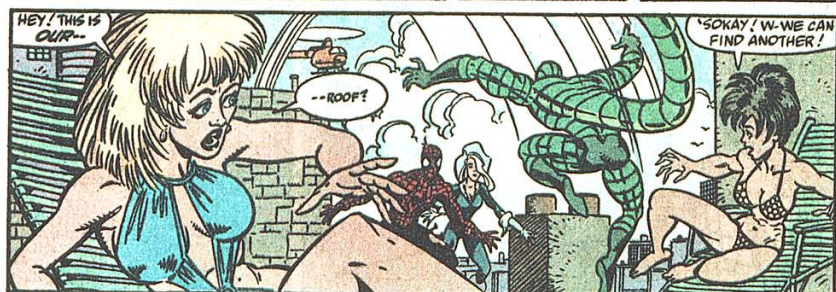




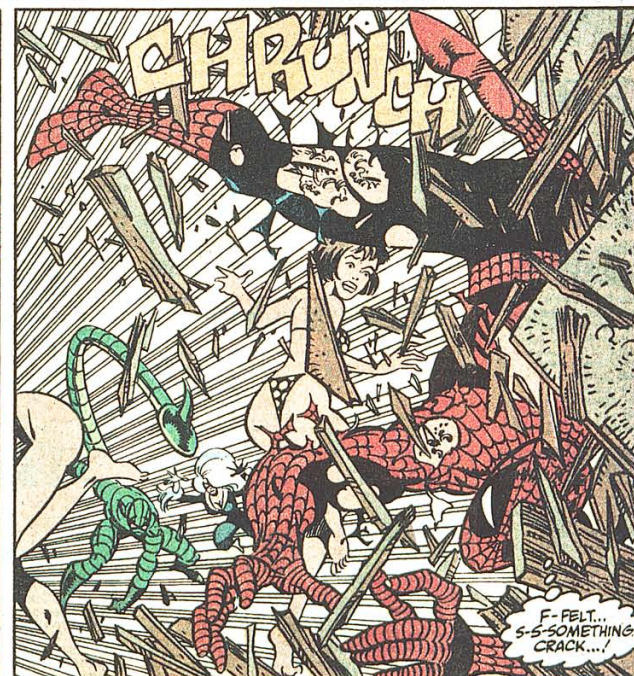
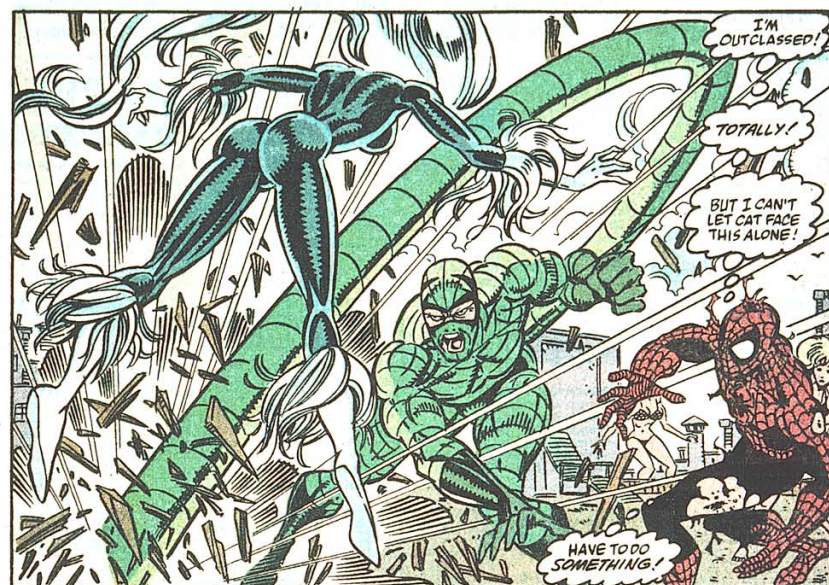
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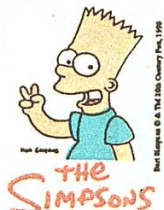
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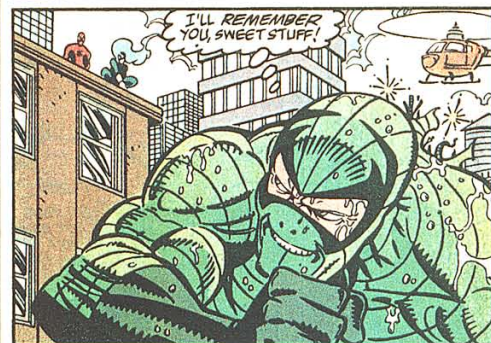
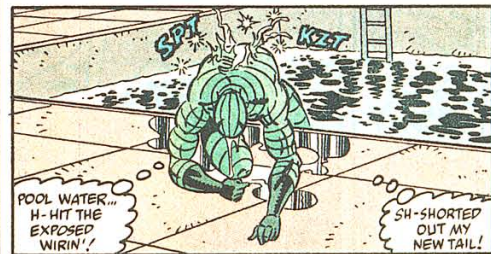
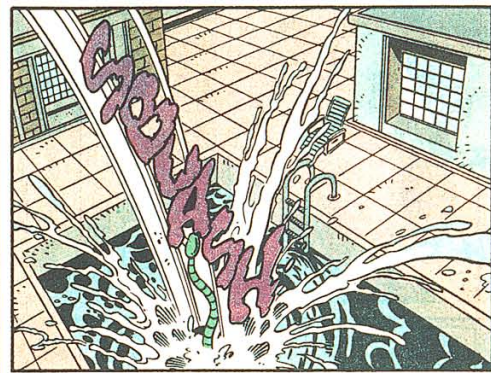
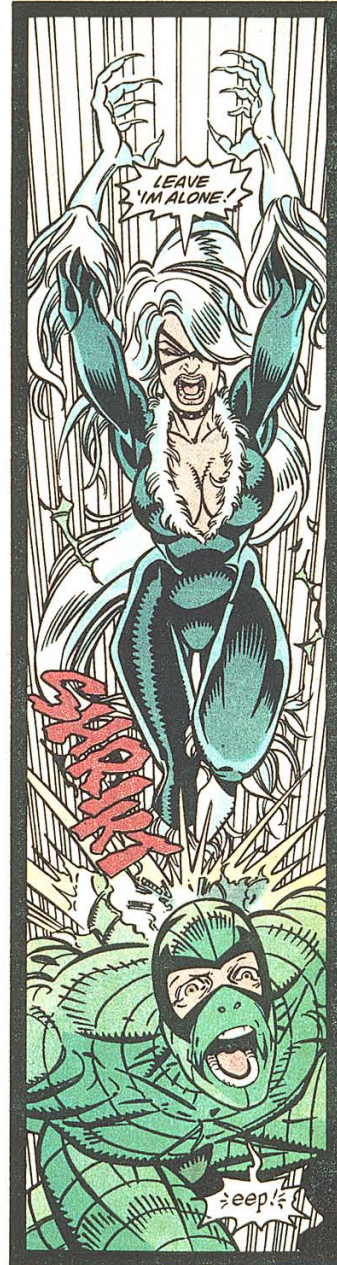
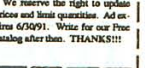
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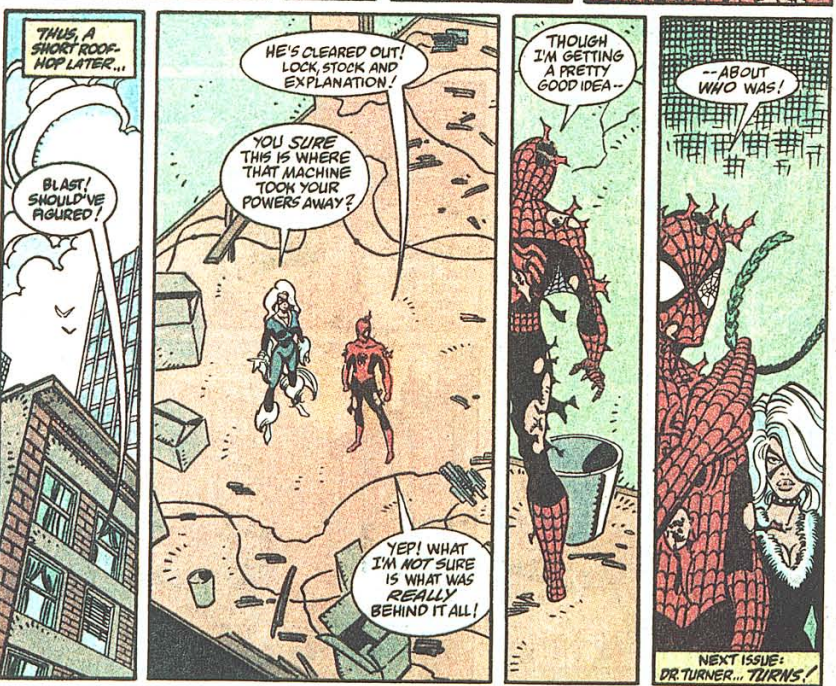
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Attention correspondents: All letters considered for publication must include your name and address, though we will withhold that information upon request.

I'm lucky enough to own the first Sinister Six story. I remember the sense of excitement at this conglomeration of Spidey's arch-enemies. So I thought I'd pick up the first part of the 1990 version; and the verdict is . . . not bad. A bit chewy but goes down smoothly. This is mainly due to Dave Michelinie's writing.

Electro was once a major villain; more recently he's become a petty nuisance whom Spidey could make fun of. The fact that Doc Ock had come to his rescue proves the latter point, but at the same time there's a certain sense of majesty, as seen in that opening scene.

It also behooves Doc well that something major rather than petty crime should be his aim. His entrapment of Sandman shows how serious he is, and his petty methods also show how Sandy himself is not the nasty villain of old. Indeed, I'd predict he may well double-cross his colleagues in crime before this battle is out, and if so that may be the decisive move. After all, on the face of it, six super-villains should have more than enough raw power to defeat the wall-crawler.

The non-superpowered elements of the story were even more fun to read. I fear for Nathan, trying to go out with a bang more than to whimper but unlikely to succeed. Peter and MJ still have to learn to share things but it's a marriage that deserves a lucky future.

I'm still not that taken with Erik Larsen's art. He's obviously adopted Todd's style, not only in the way he draws Spider's webbing but also in the line-work and shading effects on faces, and his layouts in general. Given Todd's success on the book and his upcoming new series, that's an understandable decision, be it personal or editorial, as it maintains some continuity.

Anyway, I'm looking forward to the rest of this story. Take care.

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Your predictions about Sandman and Nathan were right on the nose, Malcolm. Has someone been sneaking advance copies out to England?

Just read the first installment of the Sinister Six storyline. I thought I was the only one who remembered this collection of villains from the very first AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL of twenty-six years ago; it's great to see them back.

I liked the way this first chapter paralleled the first chapter of the original story; Electro was the villain, and Iron Man made a brief cameo, just like in the first battle in the '64 Annual. Does this mean we'll see the original X-Men (X-Factor) in the Mysterio chapter? And Betty Brant in the Doctor Octopus chapter?

I had wondered how you were going to handle the absence of Kraven the Hunter and Sandman from the ranks; the idea of Octopus blackmailing Sandman into returning to his criminal ways never occurred to me, and it works beautifully. The addition of a new recruit to replace Kraven is obvious, but I never would have guessed Hobgoblin; I would have thought Octopus would have picked someone he had worked with before and knew how to manipulate, like one of his six comrades from the Secret War.

Can't wait for chapters two through six!

Dale J. Roberts
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Sorry, Dale, but the parallel cameos in the first part of this summer's story line and the first AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL ended right there. But what didja think about the dynamic cameo by (Kid) Nova? Uh, next letter . . .

I have just finished reading AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #334 and wanted to thank you for returning us to the days of yesteryear. Mr. Larsen's art is reminiscent of Steve Ditko's but has a style and flare that lifts it above Ditko's. David Michelinie is simply a genius. In #334 we see Mr. Michelinie re-establish Doctor Octopus as a major threat again, something we have not seen since the conclusion of the Owl/Octopus Gang War in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #79, when Doc Ock became a blubbering mental case with an extreme

case of arachnophobia. It also appears Mr. Michelinie will also straighten out Electro, who has over the years become a third-rate villain, and Sandman, who is a classic villain but a less than mediocre super hero. This Sinister Six storyline makes this summer something to look forward to.

Now two questions:

1) Any chance of some noteworthy Spidey-people like Roger Stern, John Romita, Jr., Gil Kane or Ross Andru working on future Spider-Man projects?

2) Are there any plans to use Stegron, the Enforcers, Morbius, or a crossover with GHOST RIDER?

The return of the sinister Six. WOW! It's enough to make a Spider-Fan cry. Give us more!!

Brian Sanders
Lincoln, IL

1) We hope you enjoyed this year's "Spidey's Totally Tiny Adventure" across all three Annuals, in which Gil Kane contributed to the art in one way or another. Also, look for a new Spider-Man Graphic Novel penciled by none other than Ross Andru sometime in 1991.

2) You want a crossover with GHOST RIDER, Brian? We're gonna do it with style in the sixth and seventh issues of our new SPIDER-MAN title by Todd McFarlane!

Hey!

I like Doc Ock's new suit! But where'd he get a tailor to accommodate the extra arms? Heck, I get a hassle when I want the sleeves shorter, never mind for extra arm holes! Sheesh!

Robert T. Empere
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Where'd Doc find his tailor? Give us a break, Robert! When was the last time you received something from a tailor that *didn't* have extra holes in it?

Hey Jim!

So as of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #335, is Terry Austin back on inking on a regular basis once again? I certainly hope so because he does some extremely beautiful work. And his presence in the industry has most assuredly been missed.

Uncle Elvis
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Sorry to disappoint you, Unc, but Terry's guest appearance was just that. But we don't think you'll be too disappointed to learn that Radical Randy Emberlin will be taking over the inking reins on a regular basis!

Dear Spider-Writers,

The Shocker! Yes! It's been so long since he's fought Spider-Man. That frame-up of Electro was a cheating appearance. Issue #335 is the best rendition yet. Erik really gave him a dyed-in-the-wool quilted look. The fighting scenes were fantastic. Added kudos for Bob and his coloring job. The Shocker is a great villain, but to be defeated by "Soria-Butter"—well, only in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN could you pull that one off.

The second praise goes for Hobgoblin. It's great to see him again, if that can be believed. Jackson Guice's rendition was hard to beat, but again Erik has done a great job.

Now that all that back-patting is done, I have a question. When did Doc Ock gain his confidence back? He really fought Hobby to a standstill. Really a great book, guys. Keep it up.

Roger L. Anderson
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Don't tell us you missed issues #296 and #297 of this very title, Roger. It was therein that Spidey let Doc beat him to save the world. Check it out.

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